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| **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**  Division of Medicaid Services  F-00726 (02/2017) | **STATE OF WISCONSIN** |
| **TYPICAL VISION DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES**  **Children 0 to 3 Years of Age** | |

| Child’s Name | | Date of Birth | | Date Completed |
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| Use of this form is voluntary for Birth to 3 Programs. **This is guidance information only. It is not intended to diagnose vision loss.**  All children’s vision development unfolds with a slightly different timeline. If any brain injury and/or stress within the brain has occurred with a child described by a parent or caregiver, make a recommendation to the parent to discuss this with the child’s doctor to assess if further evaluation is needed by a neurologist, ophthalmologist or optometrist.  **Directions:**  Ask parent(s) the questions listed within the child’s age range. If any of these are checked “No,” a visual screening with an ophthalmologist or optometrist is warranted. If this vision checklist resulted in the recommendation for further assessment, Birth to 3 programs are advised to complete the [F-00727](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/f0/f00727.doc) hearing checklist for ages 0 to 3. <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/index.htm>  The age guidelines given here were taken from several different sources\* and where differences of opinion were found, the average is given. All children’s vision development unfolds with a slightly different timeline. | | | | |
| **FULL BASIC VISUAL DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVED AROUND 18 MONTHS** | | | | |
| **0-3 Months – Does Your Child** | | | |  |
| Momentarily look at your face? | | | | Yes  No |
| Smile at others? | | | | Yes  No |
| Look at own hands? | | | | Yes  No |
| Keeps eye contact with objects moving from left to right? | | | | Yes  No |
| Reach out and bat at an object? | | | | Yes  No |
| Blink when light is too bright? | | | | Yes  No |
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| **4-6 Months – Does Your Child** | | | |  |
| Watch a ball drop on the floor and roll? | | | | Yes  No |
| Look back and forth between two different objects? | | | | Yes  No |
| Notice something small like a raisin when it is 12 inches away? | | | | Yes  No |
| Reaches accurately and grasp at toys/objects? | | | | Yes  No |
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| **7-9 Months – Does Your Child** | | | |  |
| Attempt to move toward an object that is at least 5 feet away? | | | | Yes  No |
| Pick up or attempt to pick up a small object? | | | | Yes  No |
| Try to grab your hair, jewelry, or glasses? | | | | Yes  No |
| Look for dropped toys? | | | | Yes  No |
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| **10-18 Months – Does Your Child** | | | |  |
| React to facial expressions of others, such as frowns or smiles? | | | | Yes  No |
| Show an interest in picture books? | | | | Yes  No |
| Reach into a container and pull out objects easily? | | | | Yes  No |
| Notice objects or people outside through a window? | | | | Yes  No |
| Continued | | | | |
| **Symptoms of possible eye problems:** | | | | |
| * Cloudy or milky appearance * Squinting * Frequent blinking * Excessive tearing | * Jerky eye movements * One eye turns in or out * Rapid eye movement * Over or under reaching | | * Crossed eyes * Red, encrusted, swollen eyes * Eyes wanders (after 6 months) * Stumbling or falling over objects | |
| Name and Role of Person Filling in Information (e.g., parent, Birth to 3 Program, childcare provider) | | | | |
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| Notes: | | | | |
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| Medical and Technology Information (uses glasses, or has had eye surgery, etc.): | | | | |
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| Results of Newborn Vision Screening  Pass  Did Not Pass  Do Not Know Date Completed: | | | | |
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\*Anderson, Sharon, & Boigon, Sue et al. (1991). Skills Inventory. The Oregon Project for Visually Impaired and Blind Preschool Children, Fifth Edition.

\*Heiting OD, Gary (2009). Your Infant’s Vision Development. Retrieved from <http://www.allaboutvision.com/parents/infants.htm>

\* **Questions/Comments and Resources:**

* Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired: <http://www.wcbvi.k12.wi.us/>
* <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/health-management/health-insurance/Documents/AAO_Childrens_Vision_Screening_Brochure.pdf>
* <http://www.low-vision.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/developing-your-childs-vision.pdf>

**Ophthalmologist, MD**, can perform surgery, diagnose and treat eye disease, test for visual acuity and for visual field. An MD can also prescribe glasses, low vision aids, and medications.

**Optometrist** can prescribe glasses, low vision aids and teach patients how to use them. They test for visual acuity and visual field; some may do a low vision exam and provide vision-training therapy with eye muscles. Optometrists in the State of Wisconsin do diagnosis.

**Questions/Comments and Resources:** Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Preschool  
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